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This amendment to the abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application.

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract beginning at page 42 with the following rewritten abstract:

--The invention includes methods of enucleating avian eggs comprising visualizing internal structure of an avian egg utilizing TPLSM and ablating the nucleus of the egg by near-infrared light.--